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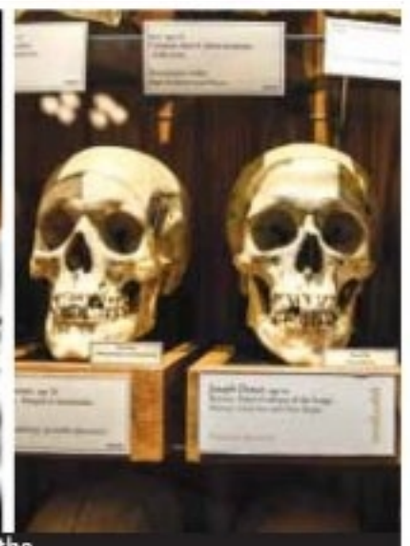
Who wants to adopt a Mutter Museum skull?

Creepy. The medical oddities museum is trying to save its skulls with donations.



Tovah Mitchell, bottom left, works to restore one of the skulls from the Hyrtl collection at the Mutter Museum. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

The CEO of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia stood on the Mutter Museum's mezzanine and peered at 139 mounted skulls in a glass display and rotated his wrist.

"The castration guy," George Wohlreich said.

The college, which operates the museum dedicated to medical history, organized a preservation program in which admirers can adopt a skull.

For a $200 donation, the museum will restore and remount one of its skulls — donor's choice — and put a name card next to the artifact for a year. A $1,000 donation ensures the name card will sit next to the skull for 10 years, and the donor will receive a replica.

"Where is Andrew?" asked Anna Dhody, museum curator. She scanned the display, looking for Andrejew Sokoloff.

Wohlreich and his wife adopted that one.

"This guy tried to castrate himself," Wohlreich said.

Because he's part of another exhibit, he's outside his box.

Why that particular one?

"Because the one I really wanted was taken by the lady to my left [Dhody]," Wohlreich said. "I never pull rank around here."

He wanted Geza Uirmeny, who, at age 70, intentionally cut his throat in an attempt to commit suicide, but survived. He lived until about 80, and apparently, "without melancholy," Dhody said.

These are just some of the interesting characters that once inhabited the artifacts, which were collected by Joseph Hyrtl, an Austrian anatomist, in the 1800s. The museum bought the skulls and other artifacts in the late 1800s.

With his collection, Hyrtl tried to debunk the pseudoscience of phrenology, which alleged the size of the skull indicated the person's intelligence.

But Hyrtl, a Catholic, believed that only God could give you a station in life and not just by category.

"So he methodically and scientifically collected these skulls, because what he wanted to show was there is such difference in the shape, size and structure of the so-called homogenous race," Dhody said.

Hyrtl was known to say, "You cannot make these grand, sweeping statements about the superiority of one race over another, because there is such inherit differences between each skull," Dhody added.

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The mounts

You can give them a home

The skulls are displayed on the original cast iron, three-pronged mounts.

Dhody said the prongs reach up into the hole reserved for the spinal cord. Vibrations caused by visitors who walk by the case rattle the skulls and can cause damage. The museum designed new mounts with foam.

"It's putting all of the weight of the skull on one small point," Dhody said. "It's not ideal."

Quoted

"I think what it's all about is showing we are all human. All too human."

Wohlreich

He's here. Santa Claus comes to Franklin Square on Friday

Santa Claus is arriving in Philadelphia at 4 p.m. Friday and will experience everything Franklin Square has to offer as he plays miniature golf, rides the carousel and watches the Square's holiday light show.

He'll be posing for photos and collecting children's wish lists, and will make an appearance every Saturday until Dec. 21.

His visits coincide with Franklin Square's Electrical Spectacle: A Holiday Light Show. Even though Santa can only make it on Saturdays, the free light show is every night until New Year's Eve. METRO

Culture

'Peace Around the World' at Penn Museum

On Sunday, Dec. 2, the Penn Museum is holding a "Peace Around the World" celebration, with family-friendly tours and workshops highlighting international holiday traditions in countries such as Brazil and India. METRO

Winter time

Piazza skating rink opens Saturday

The Piazza at Schmidt's pop-up skating rink opens Saturday, but a grand opening event will be held Monday, Dec. 2, and feature a tree-lighting ceremony, caroling, photos with Santa and more.

The 5,000-square-foot rink will be open daily from 4 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 4 to 11 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. METRO

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Toys still needed for Tony's Metro Magic holiday drive

Giving. Help a needy child in Philadelphia by donating a present today.

Help give Philadelphia kids a great Christmas holiday. / FILE PHOTO

It's beginning to look at lot like Christmas at Metro Philadelphia's Center City office.

Donated toys, such as a "Star Wars" Lego set, a huge sand box, art supplies, dolls and footballs are out of their boxes and ready to go to a needy child in the Delaware Valley.

You, too, can contribute to our toy drive before we partner up with Toys for Tots for a special pickup of all the toys in our drive known as Tony's Metro Magic.

The annual event is done with Toys for Tots and the U.S. Marines. And until this year, the initiative was overseen by Tony Metcalf, Metro's beloved editor-in-chief.

Tony passed away in June from colon cancer at the age of 50. The event has been renamed as a tribute to him and how much he loved the toy drive.

Tony's Metro Magic stories will continue to run in the newspaper throughout the end of November and up until the gifts are delivered in December. There is still time to purchase gifts that will be passed out to needy children and families in our area.

Even though the Metro Philadelphia office is filling up with gifts from our readers, there are still many needy children who don't have any gifts for the holidays.

"I just wanted to give a shout out to Metro and the Marines for doing a wonderful thing at the holidays," wrote a reader who bought five gifts for Tony's Metro Magic. "Keep up the great work. I hope the children have a merry Christmas."

This season, we hope you remember that one gift can make a big difference in the life of a child who might otherwise find nothing under the tree on Christmas day.

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What to give

Metro is collecting new, unwrapped gifts, not clothes.

- Things like action figures, dolls, board games and sports toys, like a football, are always good.
- And don't forget about older children, ages 11 and up. Older children would love to receive an MP3 player, a makeup kit or a poster from their favorite movie this year.
- Spending $10 or $20 on a toy or two for a needy child can make a big difference.

Quoted

"I just wanted to give a shout out to Metro and the Marines for doing a wonderful thing at the holidays." A reader

How to take part

1 Look for the Tony's Metro Magic logo on our website, Metro.us.

2 One click on the logo will take you to a "Wish List" we have set up via a secure link on ToysRUs.com.

3 Once there, you can see all the toys we've already requested for kids, and more are being added daily. Simply select the toys you want and purchase them. That's it! Selecting only the toys on our Wish List ensures that all the gifts will be shipped to our offices.

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Components in a box. Kano calls itself a "revolutionary moment."

"Search for the white rabbit," Kano challenges me, providing clues as to where the animal might be. Mere minutes ago, the sleek, orange-fringed computer was a collection of flat-packed components in a box — but with minimal fuss it has been bought to life and taught to recognize its owner. Now it wants to play.

Built around the Raspberry Pi — a no-frills computer on a single circuit board — the Kano promises to make us all creative technologists. It is the product of a London computing start-up of the same name, and a challenge from company founder Alex Klein's 7-year-old cousin, who wanted computer design to be "like Lego." The final product can be pieced together in 107 seconds, costs $99 and has generated enough excitement to crowdfund almost triple the original target of $100,000 within 48 hours, with backers like Apple inventor Steve Wozniak.

"There has been a tension between the specialists and users," says Kano coder Matt Keegan, playing a simple game he has just built on the device. "We want to lower the barrier to entry and empower children."

The machine can serve many functions of a regular laptop — Web browsing, correspondence — but the main appeal lies in teaching non-experts how computers work "under the hood," backers say. Users can code and design software, aided by a child-friendly guidebook that explains every step.

Keegan and other ambassadors have been touring schools worldwide helping kids get started, ahead of coding being added to the U.K. national curriculum. "It's been fantastic — we hear kids saying 'I want to be a developer' and the teachers say they learn almost as much."

Quoted

"There are increasing numbers of designers, teachers and parents trying to make things cheaper and more widely available." Keegan

International

Versatility gives it appeal

The Raspberry Pi is also versatile: It can be used to power everything from cameras to motion sensors. This helps users to understand computing process and has also raised the Kano's international appeal. Bulk orders have been dispatched to Thailand and Sierra Leone for use in infrastructure projects, and there is ongoing work to make it available in many more languages.

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Coder Matt Keegan, right, with Kano team member Nathan Miller and the core components. / METRO WORLD NEWS

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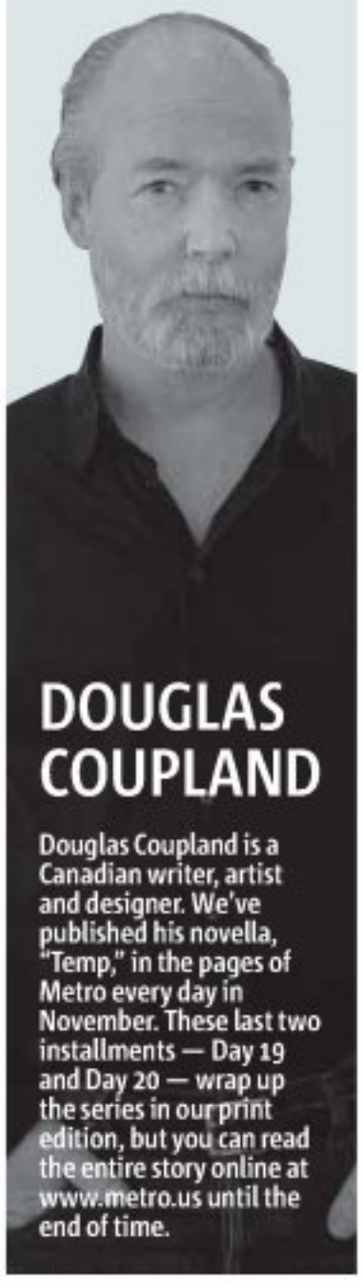

DOUGLAS COUPLAND

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. We've published his novella, "Temp," in the pages of Metro every day in November. These last two installments — Day 19 and Day 20 — wrap up the series in our print edition, but you can read the entire story online at www.metro.us until the end of time.

Day 19: Temp hits an all-time low

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Do you have a special place you go to when you're at an all-time low? Some people have a place. I just drive and drive, past the strip malls, past the light industrial zones and past the fallow fields.

After watching Kyle enter the refinery, I began thinking of the world and how it's changed, even in my short life. Countries like Greece that used to be normal countries, now gutted of their middle class and overnight turned into something new and nameless, a land with no economy but with pretty good coffee and smoking hot Wi-Fi. I got to thinking of bubbles — how all we do these days is lurch from bubble to bubble. Are we in a new bubble? Is the bubble about to burst? I'm afraid of bubbles and I'm sick of bubbles — and yet I'm addicted to bubbles.

Mr. Xu's surprise / COLOURBOX

Go figure.

I drove past the under-construction subdivisions that died in 2008, their 2x4s turned the gray color of moths. I wondered if we're addicted to the idea that society without a middle class isn't really society. I wondered if maybe back in the days of Detroit, jumbo refrigerators and the Beatles we tricked ourselves into thinking that the middle class equals the future — and without a middle class we can't see pictures in our heads of what tomorrow might be. I find it strange how politicians repeat the words "middle class" over and over and over again, as if doing so will allow us to pretend it still exists, that it's not evaporating daily like a puddle on a road.

Night came and I was anywhere and nowhere when my phone buzzed. It was Mr. Xu — he was back in town! And he had his big surprise all ready for me at his short-term corporate lodging suite.

I couldn't remember the last time I was ever happier to get a text.

I drove to The Executive Privilege Short-Term Corporate Lodging and ran to Room 307, where the nerdy but lovely Mr. Xu awaited me.

"Ah, hello, capitalist lapdog. You be ready for grand surprise?"

"Shut up! I can't believe you're back!" I gave him a smooch and said, "OK, dial me in. I am ready for your big surprise, buster."

"Apologize in advance if not good enough."

"Show me your surprise!"

"Very well."

A drop cloth concealed what was supposed to be the main living area. Mr. Xu pulled it back and I bathed in the majesty of what I saw.

He said, "Pretty kickass-sexy, don't you think?"

I sucked in some breath and said, "Mr. Xu, you have truly amazed me."

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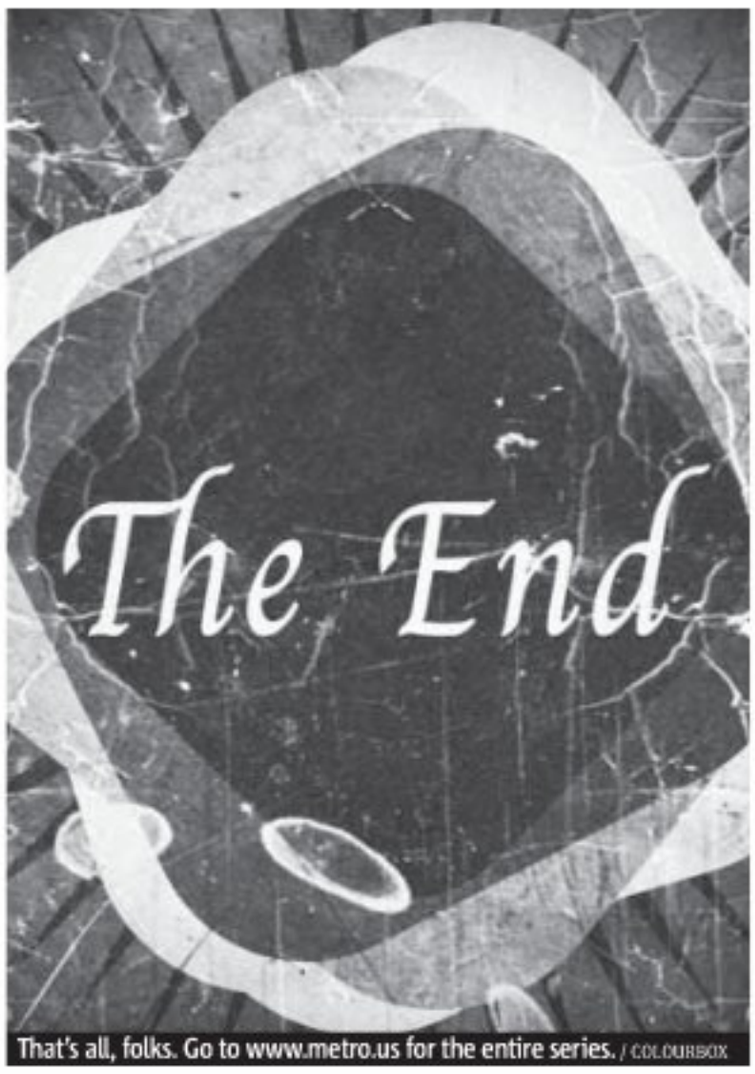
Day 20: Temp figures it all out



That's all, folks. Go to www.metro.us for the entire series. / COLOURBOX

If you came here expecting a happy ending, that's exactly what you're going to get. It's a few months later, I'm now Mrs. Xu, there are twin Xus in the offing and the twins will be in line to inherit more than $1 billion.

I remind myself of this every time I think of the coffee room's Girl Guide chocolate bar honor box, and how horrified I always was to find out staffers had shortchanged it, and how I paid out the difference from my own pocket.

What about TWK? Don't worry about the old gang — they're doing just fine. The building is now home to Mr. Xu's vanity project (and mine) which is to be the world's largest online retailer of vintage and high-end sneakers.

Sarah No.1 is once again in charge of online marketing development, and Sarah No. 2 is back developing e-commerce strategy. This time, their decisions will have a chance of being implemented and making some kind of difference.

With a slight romantic twist, Sarah No. 3, whom I never really got to know, is seeing Kyle, who quit the refinery after a week spent inhaling its magic aromas. Kyle is now getting a full sleeve of ink on each arm and is in charge of "Branding Atmosphere" which means — I'll be honest — I have no idea what, but I'm just so glad he's no longer inhaling oil. I'll always have a soft spot for that lovable lunkhead who kind of flirted with me, and whom I kind of flirted with back when we were both younger and dumber.

The Danimal we now call "The Shaker" because we send him out doing anything that involves old-school middle management: people shaking each other's hands, conferences and land leasing and that kind of stuff. It's a remarkably effective category and he loves it.

Dan and Chantelle split up quite amicably. Chantelle and Darren are engaged and living in the gated community together. Chantelle's lips have shrunk and she looks a tiny bit more human and promises not to get more work done.

And the happiest ending of all is for Kurt, the old guy by the stoplight, who now has his own office out by the delivery bay where his main task is to sit, enjoy life and maybe watch the Carpenters on VHS — he refuses to go online.

So maybe you entered this story expecting there to be a bogeyman — someone whom we can yell at, and whack with sticks like a piñata. But there is no bogeyman here. There's only the times we live in, and we can bitch about them or we can move forward, and if you don't move forward, well, you'll be left behind, left in the past, which makes no sense — because the present is all we have.

And really, how does Kate Winslet manage to always drop those pounds?

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LADY GAGA

The pop star opens up about haters, strength and cultural concepts.

'HATE, LOVE AND SENSUALITY'

Lady Gaga's "ARTPOP" shot to the No. 1 slot on the Billboard charts upon its release earlier this month, but the buzz surrounding the third full-length album from Mother Monster was that it didn't bring in the numbers that music industry insiders were hoping for. To be fair, the fact that Gaga's "Born This Way" sold 1.1 million copies in its first week made it a tough act to follow. Selling 258,000 copies in its first week, as "ARTPOP" did, is not too shabby for album sales in 2013.

Reviews have been a bit harsh for "ARTPOP."
The reviews do not bother me, but the rumors or gossip do. Fame provokes a negative energy that causes instability in me. But I am a woman facing something new every day and, despite constant attacks on me, there is always something good, like my little monsters, who are always there.

Even if this album weren't titled as such, it's obvious that art, pop and culture influences you greatly.
And they blend together. It's like saying that you and me can be together, or me and my fans — we can all be together in one space and live despite differences or colors. Pop and art are not in conflict with culture; they are part of each other. So the intention of the album was to put art culture in pop music, a throwback to Andy Warhol.

Give us three words to describe what's behind your concept of "ARTPOP."
Hate, love and sensuality.

The makeovers — are they a disguise? Some type of shield?
Yes, I have many costumes. [Laughs] That is Lady Gaga. I'm always on the defensive in my professional side. I always wear different clothes and change my outfit to feel stronger. Depending on the day, I am the person I am. If one day I feel weak, I will change my hair three times and I will feel like a superwoman. It doesn't matter the color of the hair — it's what makes me feel like a strong woman.

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Lady Gaga is pictured here performing with R. Kelly at the American Music Awards earlier this week. / MICHAEL TRAN, FILMMAGIC

2 CULTURE

By the numbers

'ARTPOP' at No. 1

"ARTPOP" is the 27-year-old pop singer's second No. 1 album on the weekly U.S. Billboard 200 album chart. "Born This Way" debuted in the top spot in 2011, selling 1.1 million copies in its opening week, helped by a 99-cent promotion on Amazon.

Lady Gaga was unable to match this year's top-selling debut, Justin Timberlake's "The 20/20 Experience," which sold 968,000 copies in its opening week in March. REUTERS

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Frank Turner is done with cool

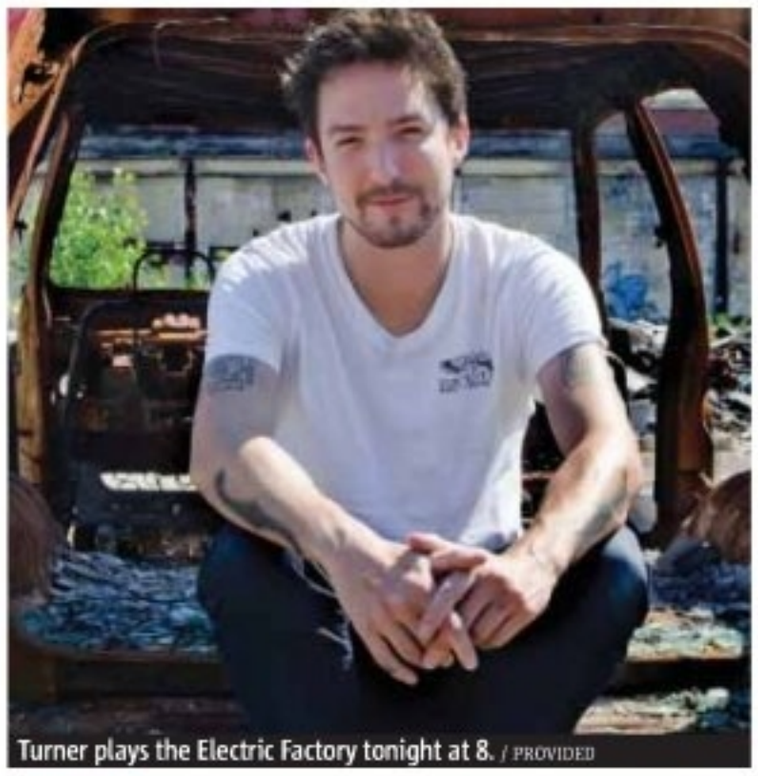
Folk. The former hard-core artist says he's never been in the in-crowd.

Folk festivals are a far cry from the dank clubs of London's hard-core scene, but it's an evolution that actually came fairly naturally to Frank Turner.

Once a fixture on the punk and hard-core circuit with his band Million Dead, Turner is now better known as a folk artist. And, as unlikely a leap as it may seem, there's still an undeniably punk spirit to his sound.

"If I wanted to completely ditch punk rock, I'm not sure I could," he says, when asked if he still identifies with those roots. "The way I learned how to play the guitar, and sing, was all in noisy, screaming, punk bands — and that comes across in what I do. I don't want to reject my past or disown anything in particular. I love punk rock records, and the ethos and ethics part of it is how I go about my business."

It wasn't a completely effortless transition. "I certainly felt like I had an awful lot of learning to do when I first started playing acoustically and solo," he says. "Even at the most basic level, if it's just you on the stage, with one guitar, if you screw up then it's your problem. You can't blame it on the drummer or have a screaming war at Noise Fest to cover up your screw-up. It's very naked."


Turner plays the Electric Factory tonight at 8. / PROVIDED

Turner's music is marked by a similarly bare, poetic lyricism. In "Recovery" (off this year's "Tape Deck Heart") he describes the redemptive journey up from rock bottom that anyone who's been close to addiction can relate to. It's a frankness that is integral to his relationship with music.

"Broadly, I enjoy honesty in music. ... Telling a story, I like to spin a yarn."

That honesty is the hallmark of Turner's songwriting, through which he spins tales of his own experiences ranging from the aforementioned struggle with substance abuse to the death of a close friend and the inexorable pull of home.

Still, he accepts that, in some circles, it's not that cool to be that unabashedly sincere. That said, he doesn't give a damn. On "Four Simple Words," he sings: "Is anyone else sick of the music churned out by lackluster scenesters from Shoreditch? / Oh, it's all sex drugs and sins, like they're extras from 'Skins' / But it's OK because they don't really mean it."

"One of the things that my music has never been in the U.K. ... is cool," he laughs. "I don't want to be in VICE magazine. I was a weird, awkward teenager. I don't want to play in a band now that I wouldn't have known about back then."

"It's that kind of hipster, ironic detachment, it does my head in," he continues. "There have been times where I've been criticized for being unironic. It just seems like a bizarre criticism to me, for someone to say, 'Man, that guy really means what he says.'"

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Inked

On fan tattoos

"I've gone through a number of different emotions with that. When it first came along, I was a bit weirded out. Then I thought about it and, the thing is, you know, I've got plenty of band tattoos and lyric tattoos myself and I understand that motivation."

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Lance Armstrong works on his ill-fated comeback in "The Armstrong Lie." / SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Who's the real dope?

Documentary.
"The Armstrong Lie" examines the biker's fall from glory, but not too deeply.

Since 2010, director Alex Gibney has averaged two or three documentaries per year. That's an incredible number for any filmmaker, and the rush shows. His films tackle hot-button issues — like Enron, torture, Jack Abramoff, Eliot Spitzer, WikiLeaks and more — but in a basic, shallow fashion. He's not an opportunist, per se, but what his films reveal is hardly ever surprising.

It was a given that Gibney would take on Lance Armstrong, whose belated confession to doping during the majority of his illustrious cycling career finally destroyed his reputation in January. Gibney originally meant to make his film in 2009, under considerably different circumstances: It was to be a portrait of his comeback, an attempt to prove that he wasn't a doper and could still, even at nearly 40, be a commanding racer who deserved his seven Tour de France wins. That proved hubristic, as it wound up only unleashing more allegations.

Gibney jumps back and forth between then and now, with an open yet still cagey Armstrong bitterly admitting the truth. The big draw of the film is that it includes Armstrong talking in a more open way than he did when he sat with Oprah Winfrey — but so what? He's not particularly reflective.

Gibney touches on how the rise of the sport demanded such superhuman strength that not only was Armstrong taking power-boosting substances, but so was everyone else. This could be an interesting avenue: that we demand of our athletes something they could never give us naturally, then castigate them when they do it unnaturally. It's good that Gibney doesn't turn Armstrong into a martyr, but that's because he doesn't have anything to say.

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He actually enjoys doing comedy

Interview. In person, Jason Statham is quite a good deal less terrifying than he is on-screen.

"Homefront" was supposed to star its writer, Sylvester Stallone. "Sly had written it in '08, so it had been beautifully gathering dust," explains Jason Statham. The two were working on "The Expendables 2" when Stallone revealed he was too busy to make it. Statham nicked it from him, and now he's the one who plays an ex-DEA agent who's moved to a small town, only to piss off the wrong locals.

"If you look at all the great things he's written — 'Cliffhanger,' all the 'Rocky's, all the 'Rambo's — he's a writer by trade," Statham says. "You just think, 'How do you have the time, to be the big movie star, the writer and the director? And be a dad. And go to the gym every day. It's inhumanly possible. It's a pretty big list of things to be good at."

Statham is no slacker himself, routinely popping up in action fare; this is his fourth film this year, if you count his walk-on at the end of "Fast & Furious 6," setting him up as the villain of the seventh, which is still shooting. But even ignoring his age (46), it's important for him to branch out. His last film, "Redemption," was even mostly a drama, with him as an ex-solider plagued with PTSD.

"It's hard for me to be satiated with the dramatic aspect of action movies sometimes," he confesses. "Stallone told me, 'We never see you play a vulnerable chap. We never see you smile and be nice towards a little girl. You're always seen as this cold-blooded killer.'" (Stallone probably didn't use the word "chap," as Statham does often.)

In person, Statham is closer to his characters in Guy Ritchie's "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (his film debut) and "The Italian Job" — a boisterous joker with a great laugh that's deployed frequently. He loves comedies and is even pursuing one, which he can't talk about (lest he ruin the deal).

"I'm not a traditional actor. I'm not a guy who came from drama school. I'm not going to play the complicated lawyer," he says. "I'm a worker. I like to work. I enjoy what I do. And sometimes what's in front of you isn't exactly the greatest thing in the world, but I always have something inside me going, 'This would be fantastic.' Otherwise I wouldn't' do it."

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On Franco

One 'busy bee'

"Homefront" also pairs him with another prolific freak: James Franco, who plays a small-town meth king who decides to make Statham's character's life hell — and ensures that come the end there will not be a fair fight. "He's an interesting chap,"

Statham says. "We had to release him every Friday so he could teach at some college. It was Monday through Thursday, then he has to get on a plane so he can teach a class, then come back and buy some more paint to do his artwork. He's quite the busy bee." (Wait, Franco's also a teacher? And a painter?)

Quoted

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Statham

Jason Statham plays an ex-DEA agent fighting small town locals in "Homefront." / GETTY IMAGES

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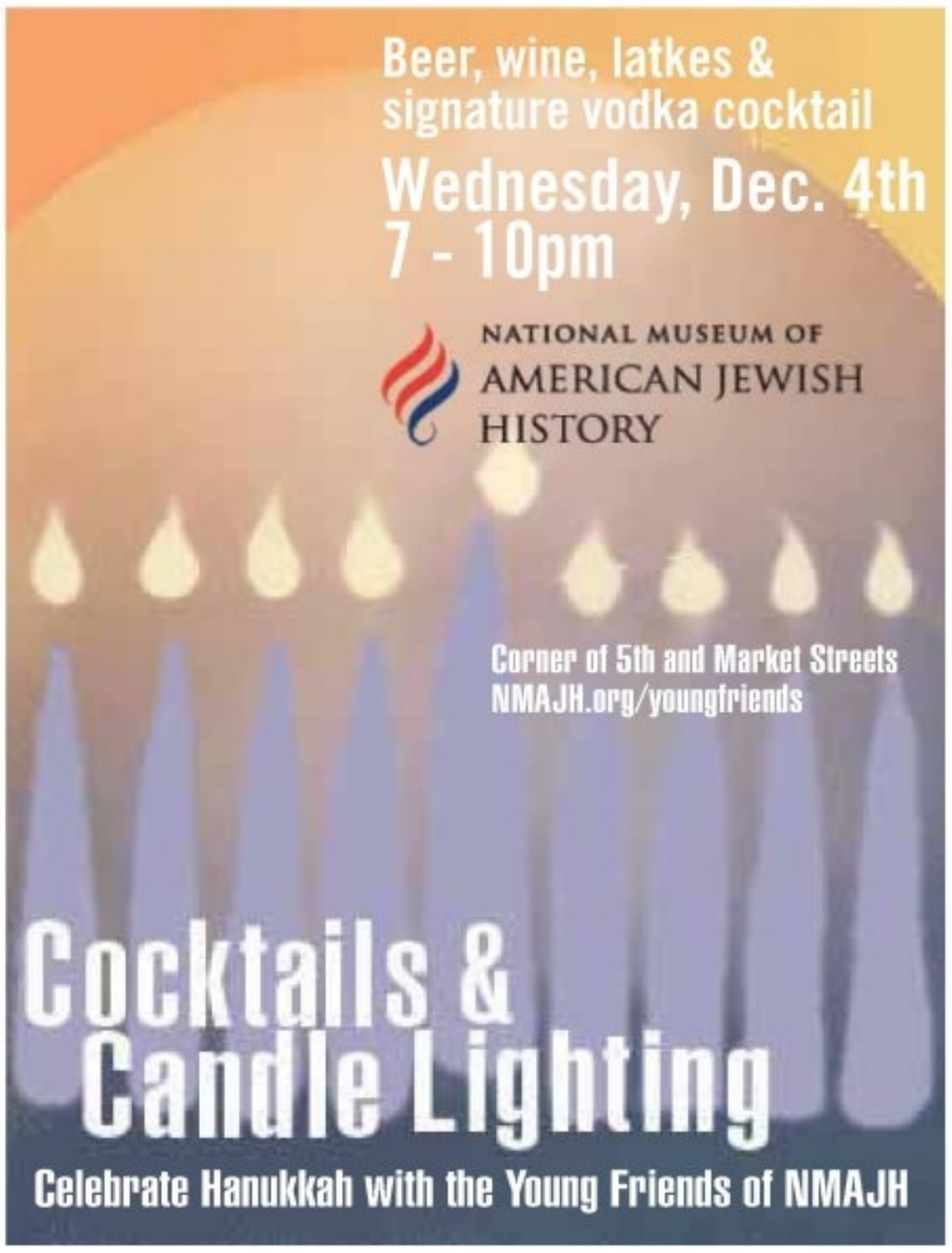

Fake celebrity discussions over Thanksgiving break

What do the rich and famous do over Thanksgiving weekend? They probably don't do what we do, which is hang out in our hometown bars and drink cheap domestics with people from high school. But — what if they did? For this special Black Friday Word, Metro staffers imagined what kind of discussions the rich and famous have at their hometown dives.

"Ima let you finish that Pabst, bro, but I have to tell you: I'm pretty sure my Thanksgiving stuffing recipe is the best recipe of all time. OF ALL TIME."

High-art genius **Kanye West**

"Oh ... Kelly and Michelle. Hi! Um, how long have you guys been working here?" Beyonce

More quoted

"Wait, what? You prefer the dark meat? Oh, hell no! Bartender, keep the White Russians comin', sugar."

Paula Deen

"Guys, I know it's not like me to walk away from a fight, but if I get nabbed one more time for beating somebody up, I'll go away for a long time. Let's just chill, get another pitcher of Miller Lite and play some Keno."

Chris Brown

"So you guys remember that older dude we used to buy drugs from in high school? Oh man, I know! Us crazy kids, eh? But uh, yeah, anyone keep in touch with that guy? Asking for a friend."

Rob Ford (Editor's note: We know Canadian Thanksgiving is in October; grant us this creative license that he hangs out in American townie bars when he's on break this weekend.)

Cyrus will probably make this kitten do some Jagerbombs.

"I don't know, y'all. Have I made enough of a statement this year that I am finally a woman?" Miley Cyrus

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Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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"The best runners always say you stake out your territory," says Regouby. "You use your arms and don't let anybody get too much in your way. Swing your arms and keep in your elbows to make sure you've got your own space."

This sounds extreme, but seriously, do you want that food processor or not?

Black Friday without the bull

Running to the mall. The shopping can get nasty, so we asked an unlikely expert for advice on how to handle the crowds.

If you look up Black Friday on YouTube, you're bound to find videos with terrifying titles like "Black Friday Fights" or "Black Friday Disasters."

As with other extreme sports, you need to prepare for Black Friday shopping. We went to the best: Mark Hellmann Regouby. Is Regouby an experienced Black Friday shopper? Not really. But he'll do you one better: He's the founder of the travel company Running of the Bulls, Inc., which puts tourists up close and personal with the animals at the annual event in Pamplona, Spain. Here's his advice for braving big crowds.

This is what it's like in Pamplona, Spain, in July — but it's eerily similar to the malls on Black Friday. / PABLO BLAZQUEZ DOMINGUEZ, GETTY IMAGES

Getting ready

Before you go in

"Watch the Bull Run first ... and understand the flow of the people and the bulls," says Regouby. This is where the aforementioned YouTube search for Black Friday comes in handy. But the preparation doesn't stop here.

"The No. 1 rule is to arrive sober," he says. "No. 2 is to get a good night's sleep. No. 3 is to have 360-degree awareness. Always try to be aware of who is in front, behind and beside you. ... Get a sense of being in the place."

If you go down

There have only been 15 deaths since the beginning of the Bull Run in Pamplona in 1910 and the National Retail Federation has only reported one Black Friday trampling death: In 2008, a Wal-Mart employee was crushed in a stampede. Neither are as deadly as you'd think, but what do you do if you fall?

"Stay down," says Regouby. "The bulls are actually talented at stepping over obstacles."

The people waiting in the cold to buy stuff at discount prices are probably not talented at stepping over obstacles though, so just roll to safety!

When you succeed

Regouby says that a run like the one in Pamplona is for people who want to be in touch with their own mortality.

"I've done it four times and it's still pretty incredible," he says. "You arrive in this huge arena and the sun hits your face and the air is fresh again, and you can't believe you are alive." Sounds kind of like getting into the car with everything crossed off your gift list before anyone in your family is awake, doesn't it?

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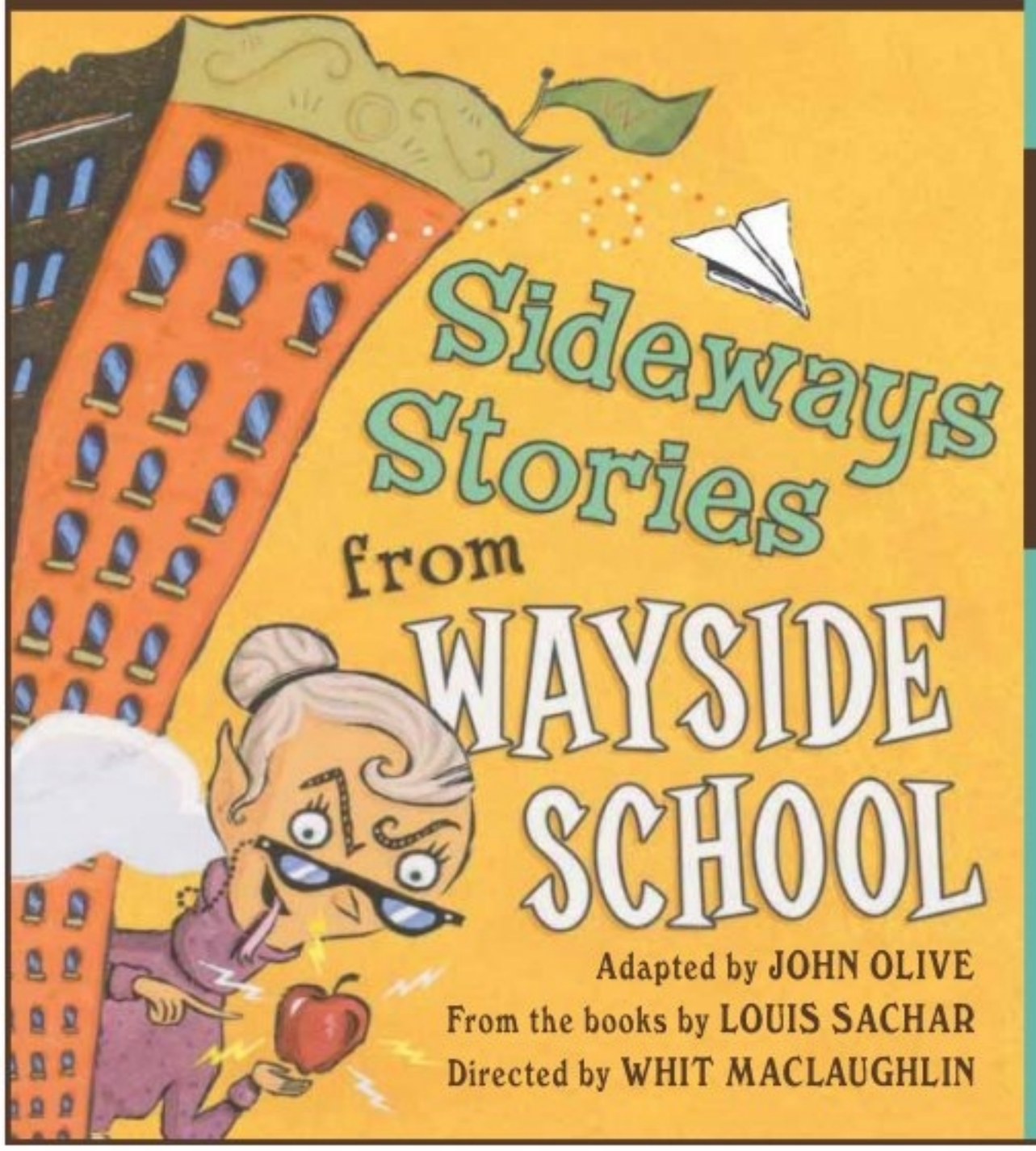

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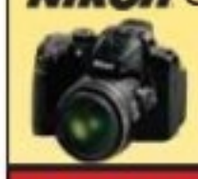

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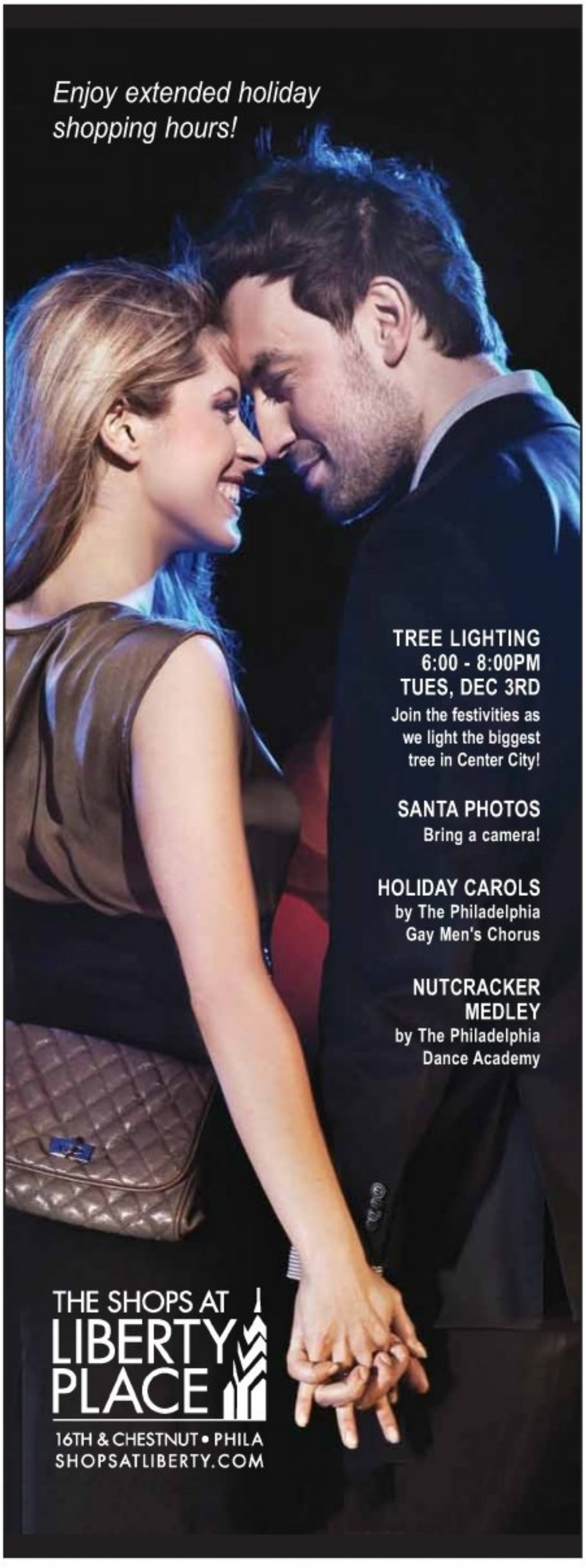
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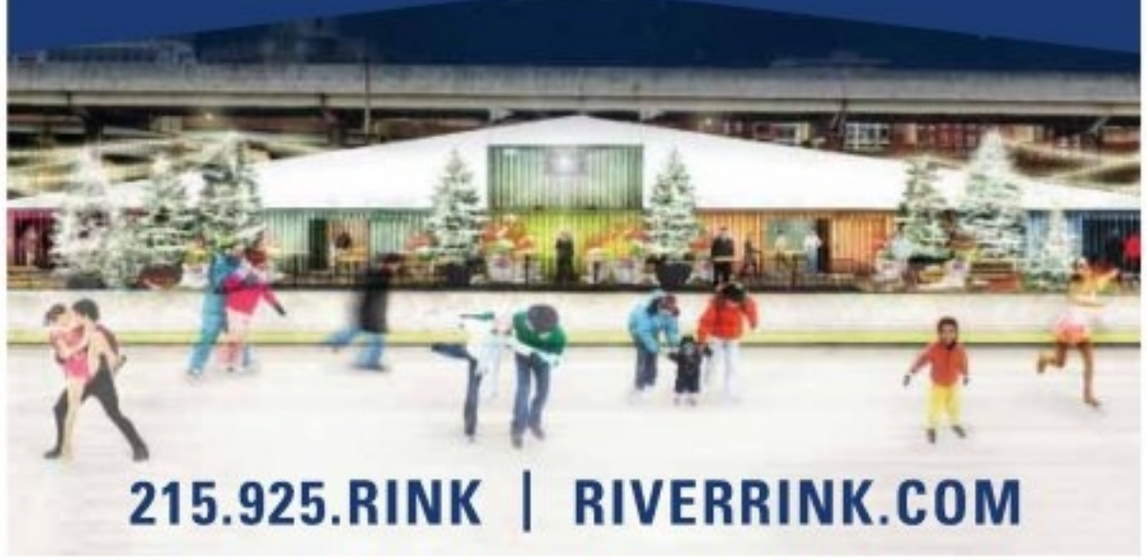

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Where and when to shop on Black Friday

Local. The shopping holiday originated in our fair city, so of course we have plenty of deals.

Will you be able to brave the masses for some on-sale toys? Of course you will! / TOM PENNINGTON, GETTY IMAGES

Black Friday traces its roots to Philadelphia, drawing its name from city police describing the post-Thanksgiving chaos of shoppers and traffic. If you're bold enough to brave the crowds, the least we can do is point you in the right direction.

Delaware County SPCA

Where: 555 Sandy Bank Rd., Media, 610-566-1370
When: Friday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.
Deals: If you're looking to cross "puppy" off somebody's wish list, the SPCA is offering reduced adoption fees on several animals this Friday. Most dogs and cats will be sold for $20.13 beginning at 10 a.m. By noon, puppies will be brought into the mix. There will be no adoption fees for cats over 7 months old. Adult cats usually cost at least $80, and puppies $300.

Express

Where: Liberty Place, 1625 Chestnut St., 215-851-0699
When: Friday, Nov. 29, 5 a.m.
Deals: Express is offering $10 off a shoe purchase and 25 percent off watches. From now through Dec. 1, a purchase of $50 will earn you $25 toward a future purchase of $75 or more. But the best deals come on Cyber Monday: Everything online at Express.com will be 40 percent off.

Best Buy

When: Thursday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m.
Deals: Snag a Kindle Fire for $99.99, $100 below retail value. The iPad 2 is also $100 off, on sale for $299.99.

Old Navy at King of Prussia Mall

Where: 160 N. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia, 610-491-90640
When: Thursday, Nov. 28, 7 p.m.-Friday, Nov. 29
Deals: Everything in the entire store is 50 percent off. If you thought the dollar flip-flop sales cleaned the store out, just wait.

Philadelphia Premium Outlets

Where: 18 W. Lightcap Rd., Limerick, 610-495-9000
When: Friday, Nov. 29, 12 a.m.-Sunday, Dec. 1
Deals: While select stores open at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving, the outlets are back with their Midnight Madness sale. Noteworthy sales: J. Crew offers 40 percent off everything in stores and Juicy Couture will sell basic track suits as a $50 doorbuster. Get 20 percent off your purchase at Nike, and half off several cookware items at Calphalon Kitchen Outlet. Neiman Marcus offers 30 percent off jewelry and handbags, and up to 40 percent off apparel.

Toys "R" Us

Where: 2703 S. 3rd St., 215-334-4600
When: Thursday, Nov. 28, 5-9 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 29, 5 a.m.
Deals: All storewide clearance will be discounted up to 80 percent off through Nov. 30. The deals come in waves with different sets of doorbusters. Our favorite find is the Razor Scooter for $19.99. ANISA ARSENAULT

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Reclaiming the baggage claim

Luggage. Elizabeth Jeffer's online destination helps us travel in style.

In spite of all the runways, the airport has never been much of a fashion show — especially during the frenetic holiday travel period. But Elizabeth Jeffer, founder of online travel and accessories boutique Roztayger, is blending style and practicality with her selection of bags and accessories. Jeffer has searched the world for designers who emphasize craftsmanship, functionality and modern, streamlined style.

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Travel companions

Jeffer's top picks

1 J. Panther Luggage Co. The Ruc Tote "This is a personal favorite of mine for traveling overseas. It's a unisex bag that is rugged enough to hold all your carry-on items such as files, laptop, iPad, cords, a few magazines and some toiletries. The added bonus is that you can carry it three ways — a great way to avoid body pain from overpacking." $590

2 Porter Tanker tote "The Japanese brand makes some of the highest quality bags around. The Tanker tote is an easy over-the-shoulder bag with so many pockets both inside and out. You pay a bit more for Porter bags, but you get it back in longevity and quality of design and usefulness." $296

3 Clare Vivier wallet "Having a large, colorful wallet that can contain your ticket and passport is key when traveling. I get really nervous when I have to rummage so I always try to carry a brightly colored or metallic wallet that I can spot easily or use later as an evening clutch." $105

4 Bellroy travel wallet "This fits the bill for men. It accommodates all travel documents and also has a tiny pen that slips into the wallet fold for convenience."$119

5 Frrry "Frrry has these fantastic collapsible bags: Collapse 2 and Collapse 3. You can actually flatten them to maybe 2 inches and put them in your suitcase. It's a good one to pack if you want to come home with more stuff, or go for a short trip within your trip." $342-$472

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Cocktails

Warm up at Citron and Rose

Who says a kosher restaurant has to be traditional? Citron and Rose on the Main Line (370 Montgomery Ave., Merion Station) is mixing up some hot cocktails — literally. These warm concoctions will keep you nice and toasty as the cold weather settles in for the long haul.

Mexican Hot Chocolate

Ingredients: Tequila, chile, sugar, cinnamon, chocolate

Temptation

Ingredients: Honey vodka, hot spiced apple cider, cinnamon stick

Hot Toddy

Ingredients: Bulleit Bourbon, hot tea, honey lemon syrup

Where to celebrate Hanukkah

The Collaborative is hosting a happy hour at the pop-up Waterfront Winterfest. / PROVIDED

Maccabees.
Grab your dreidels. The Festival of Lights came early this year.

It's a historic year for Hanukkah. For the first time in more than 100 years — and the last time for thousands of years, according to some calculations — Hanukkah and Thanksgiving overlap. With all the fuss about turkeys and shopping, and the introduction of the term Thanksgivukkah, some might fret that Hanukkah will get lost in the mix. But we found just as many events, dinners and dreidels as ever. So dust off that menorah, grab a handful of chocolate gelt and get ready to celebrate.

For everyone

Rodeph Shalom, the synagogue across from Route 6 and Alla Spina on North Broad, is hosting a Hanukkah concert on Dec. 4. Hadag Nahash, an Israeli band with funk and hip-hop influences, will perform. Tickets range from $15 to $75.

It just wouldn't be Hanukkah without the Gershman Y's (www.gershmany.org) Latkepalooza. Head to Vie at 600 N. Broad St. (small world — it's across from Rodeph Shalom) for the 11th annual latke cook-off, with 12 chefs competing for the potato pancake crown. On Dec. 2, from 7-9:30 p.m., $35 gets you tastes of all the delicious takes on this holiday favorite. Or bring the whole family to the earlier 'palooza at 4:30 p.m., where kids nosh for $8 and adults pay $12.

For the kids

Get outside before winter settles in completely. Head to the Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown (www.elmwoodparkzoo.org) on Dec. 1 for the official lighting of the giant menorah at 11 a.m. Stick around for games, story readings, food and crafts.

Matisyahu is bringing his holiday tour to The Blockley. / GAELLE BERI

For the grown-ups

The Collaborative (www.tribe12.org/the collaborative), a group geared toward Jews in their 20s and 30s, is luring that crowd by throwing alcohol into the mix. Hanukkah Happy Hour will happen Dec. 5 at Waterfront Winterfest at Penn's Landing, the holiday pop-up at Blue Cross RiverRink with shopping, a light show and a restaurant/bar. There's talk of spiked hot chocolate, which makes it well worth the trip.

Also on Dec. 5 is a "latke and vodka" Hanukkah party at Rodeph Shalom. The event, which includes a buffet dinner, is in tandem with an opening reception at the synagogue's Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art.

For the music lovers

University City music venue The Blockley (www.theblockley.com) is teaming up with the University of Pennsylvania's Hillel to host musician Matisyahu and his Festival of Light on Dec. 4. The Philly-area native — and Grammy nominee — mixes Jewish spirituality with reggae, rock, hip-hop, Afro-Caribbean sounds and alt rock. The show is for the 18-and-up crowd, and tickets are $35 to $40.

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Skip the food court

Fuel up for Black Friday shopping

You may be stuck in the mall all day, but that doesn't mean you need to eat in the food court. You're better than that. And really, you're not saving much money — that greasy pizza slice is overpriced and you know it. And the caffeine kick that comes in a syrupy pumpkin latte? That's just going to end in a sugar crash. Take a breather and sit down somewhere where you can refuel for fighting the Black Friday crowds.

Shop: King of Prussia Mall
Eat: Desi Village
The mall to beat all malls has plenty of lunch options, but you know they'll all be overrun today. Head just outside to this small Indian restaurant that offers a great deal on a lunch buffet. Feel free to eat plate after plate of chicken tikka masala.
145 S. Gulph Rd., King of Prussia, 610-265-8500, www.desivillage.net

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Shop: Limerick Outlets
Eat: The Butcher and Barkeep
This new restaurant comes from two former Standard Tap bartenders, Gerard Angelini and Cody Ferdinand, and former Craft Ale House chef Jeffrey Sacco. It's a bit of a drive from the outlets, but if you're already in the vicinity, now's the time to try it. The small plates include duck risotto; shrimp and grits; and Greek salad. And then there's a duck confit roll on Cuban bread, which is like an early holiday gift to yourself.
712 Main St., Harleysville, 267-932-8407, www.thebutcherandbarkeep.com

Shop: Center City
Eat: Tria Taproom
Look at you, shopping locally. We suggest re-fueling at Tria Taproom. The newest addition to the Tria family has an impressive selection of draught beer and wood-grilled flatbreads. Need we say more?

Take a break from browsing the stores on Walnut Street at the new Tria Taproom. / FACEBOOK

2005 Walnut St., 215-557-8277, www.triacafe.com

Shop: Plymouth Meeting Mall
Eat: El Limon
We get it, you don't want to spend too much time chowing down. You need to get back into the thick of Black Friday bargains before someone else snatches up the last deal. Get quick Mexican food at El Limon. Be warned, though; with large portions on each plate, you may slow your roll on the shopping.
103 Fayette St., Conshohocken, 610-567-0120
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Tribute to The Last Waltz

**Saturday, 9 p.m.
Trocadero,
1003 Arch St.
$20-$25, 215-922-6888
www.thetroc.com**
The Troc is recreating The Last Waltz, a 1976 farewell concert by The Band where every famous rocker you've ever heard of showed up to play: Bob Dylan, Eric Clapton, Neil Young and more. Martin Scorsese later turned the whole thing into a must-see documentary. Garth Hudson of The Band will make an appearance, along with a long list of top Philly musicians. Proceeds benefit local organizations that focus on education. A limited number of $100 VIP tickets are available and include a meet and greet with Hudson.

EXPO

Thanksgiving Not Just Rock Expo

**Today and tomorrow
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks
Free
www.notjustrockexpo.com**
If you have a few rock 'n' roll lovers in your family, skip the packed malls and do your holiday shopping at the Rock Expo, featuring records, posters and all kinds of memorabilia for sale. Larry Kane will be there to sign copies of his new book, "When They Were Boys: The True Story of the Beatles' Rise to the Top." Bring a canned good to donate to Rock Can Roll, a hunger relief organization.

ICE SKATING

Skate at The Piazza

**Saturday through February 23
The Piazza at Schmidt's,
1050 N. Hancock St.
Adults $5, Children $3,
215-717-7788
www.skateatthepiazza.com**
A 5,000-square-foot ice skating rink is taking over the Piazza at Schmidt's for the next three months, giving the Blue Cross RiverRink a little competition. Even better, it's cheap! Skate rentals are only $1, on top of the admission price. If you plan on skating all winter long, purchase a season pass — $40 for kids and $75 for adults.

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Dinosaurs Unearthed

**Through March 30
Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, 1900 Ben. Franklin Pkwy., $3 for members, $5 for non, in addition to general admission, 215-299-1000, www.ansp.org**
The Jurassic era comes to life with giant animatronic dinosaurs. Real dinosaur skeletons, fossil casts, teeth and skulls also are on display, and the younger visitors can enjoy hands-on activities, including a fossil dig site and a detective touch-screen quiz. No judgment if you want to enjoy them, too. Members can skip the admission prices and buy a Dino Pass for unlimited access to the exhibit — because once you bring the kids for a visit, they're going to want to come back.

THEATER

CALAMARI SISTERS

'Another Christmas with the Calamari Sisters: Feast of the Seven Fishes'

**Today, 2 and 8 p.m.
Broadway Theatre of Pitman, 43 S. Broadway, Pitman, N.J.
$30-$40, 856-384-8381, www.thebroadwaytheatre.org**
After a successful run last year at the Society Hill Playhouse, the Calamari sisters are back with a hilarious Christmas special filled with cooking demonstrations and comedy. These "women" really know how to cook; expect to see hearty Italian cuisine — and possibly some samples passed around.

THEATER

'Beauty and the Beast'

**Through Sunday
Academy of Music, 240 S. Broad St., $20-$115,
215-893-1999, www.kimmelcenter.org**
Disney's enchanting tale of romance between Belle and the Beast is back in Philly, with the whole gang: bad boy Gaston, sage Mrs. Potts, flirty Lumiere, anxious Cogsworth and, of course, the most adorable cast member, teacup Chip.

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Lucia Fest and the Christmas Market

**Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
American Swedish Historical Museum,
1900 Pattison Ave.
$10 adults, $7 for ASHM members, $4 for children 4-12, 215-389-1776
www.americanswedish.org**
Drop in for our family-friendly Lucia Fest, with Lucia processions at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Christmas Market includes your favorite holiday deli items, Christmas decorations, and gifts, and the SWEA bakery tables will be open all day. The Swedish Christmas Cafe will be selling holiday foods and sweets for your refreshment.

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Black Bodies in Propaganda: The Art of the War Poster

**Through March 2,
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Penn Museum, 3260 South St., Included with general admission ($10-$15),
215-898-4000
www.penn.museum**
The Penn Museum takes a fascinating look at war propaganda in "Black Bodies in Propaganda: The Art of the War Poster." Curated by PBS "History Detectives" host Tukufu Zuberi, the provocative exhibit examines 33 wartime posters, mostly targeting Africans and African-Americans, from the Civil War, World Wars I and II and African independence movements.

Horoscope

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Mingle with your peers and find out where you stand. Share your thoughts, but keep your personal preferences a secret.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Keep your emotions in check. You will have chances to meet potential partners if you mingle.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. A lack of communication isn't always a bad thing. Take time to think about the way you feel and what you want to convey before you make a move that may limit future discussions.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Lend a helping hand, and you will end up receiving as much in return. A personal partnership will undergo emotional stress.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Set up investments that will give you a tax break. An emotional issue due to an unpredictable incident is likely to influence you.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Take care of personal business and discuss your plans with anyone who will be affected by the decisions you make. Expand your interests.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Do your best to help others, but don't meddle. A physical activity will help you feel rejuvenated.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Look at the way others live and the differences. Sharing your philosophy will encourage new friendships.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Listen to any complaints being made at home and show compassion for anyone going through a tough time. Your attentiveness in matters will help change the way someone thinks of you.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Personal investing will lead to victory. Suggestions you make will put you in the driver's seat at meetings.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Sensitive issues at home or at work will leave you questioning your next move. Don't procrastinate. Don't let emotions intervene.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. A secret is likely to be divulged. Protect your reputation, assets and future prospects. Personal changes must be given thought. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Don't judge JFK's politics by just a few actions

Re: 'JFK would be a Republican' (Metro, Nov. 26) Letter writer Tom Ward cleverly cherry-picks the career of JFK and concludes that he would today be a Republican. The fact is, almost any long-term political career could be parsed or twisted into the support of one party or the other. Ronald Reagan could easily be called a Democrat based on decisions he made at various times during his career. Some clarification is in order regarding the Civil Rights Act of 1964. This Act was proposed by JFK, and then LBJ, and enjoyed wide-spread bipartisan support. While supported in the legislature by both parties, it was obstructed, mainly by Democrats, in the South. It was widely rejected by Southern Democrats and Republicans alike. In the House, 93 percent of Southern Democrats and 100 percent of Southern Republicans opposed it. In the Senate, 95 percent of Southern Democrats and 100 percent of Southern Republicans opposed it. Over all, the bill passed with large majorities with the final tally differing by the relative size of their Southern blocs: Just over 60 percent of Democrats and 80 percent of Republicans supported it. STEPHEN HARDY, VIA EMAIL

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29 Kind of tent
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53 Eye's delight
56 Comparable
57 Tar's reply
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67 Break camp

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1 Not her
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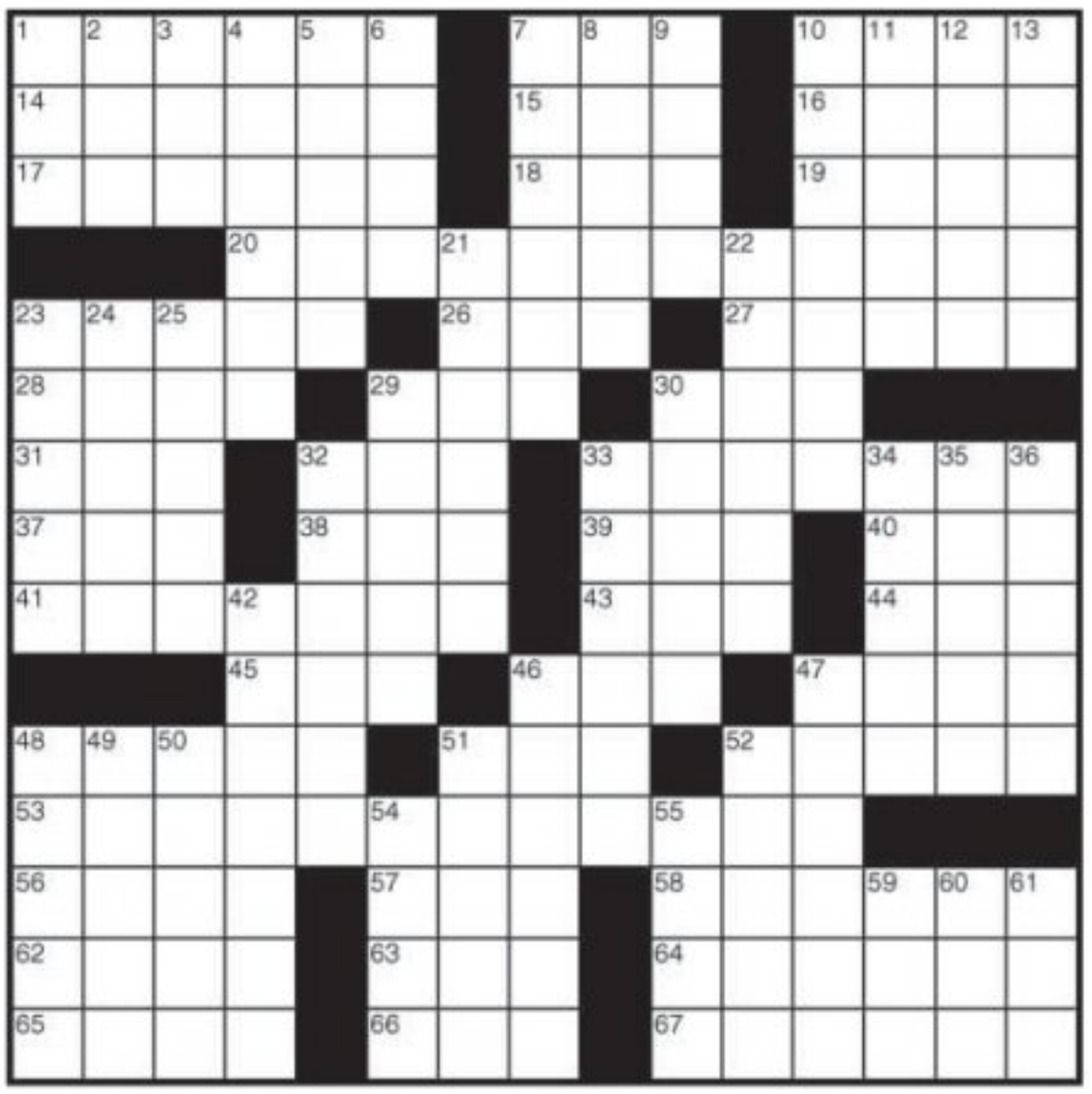

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Kelly shows his GREEN

Chip Kelly has the Eagles 6-5 and in first place in the NFC East in his first season in the league. / GETTY IMAGES

NFL. Chip Kelly is fitting right in with the Eagles, and in the NFL in general, acting the way he's always been.

There are many different sides to Chip Kelly, none of them easily discernible to the naked eye.

Kelly is a very private man, doing only the bare essentials when it comes to dealing with the media. He rarely — if ever — grants one-on-one interviews and shouts terse answers to reporter's questions. Not in a menacing way, in a Chip Kelly way.

Kelly has an up-tempo attitude to match an up-tempo offense. He talks fast, he walks fast and he coaches fast — and Kelly hasn't changed since leaving a lush college campus in Eugene, Ore., behind.

"He's still the same. To me, he's still the same Chip," said Casey Matthews, who played under Kelly for two seasons at Oregon. "He'll drop jokes. He's a good coach, he's a good speaker and he's getting better and better. I'm not saying he was terrible [before coming to NFL] but how he talks to the team pregame, it makes you want to go and play. It gets you fired up. He tells you a story about … I have examples, but I can't think."

Matthews pauses for a long second, thinking out loud, then laughs.

"He'll tell a story that kind of relates to you, but it will be about something completely different from football," Matthews said. "But he'll relate it to football and how we prepare, like there's a guy who was a kayaker — he was extreme and you talk about how he prepared and he just said, 'No matter how you prepare, no matter what you're doing, it's the same preparation. You just got to put in the hours and stuff.' He does a good job finding stories, as a head coach and even when he isn't coaching, he's just met quite a bit of people that he can have come in and talk to you."

While many wondered how his unconventional ways would translate at the professional level, it appears to be working.

"Finish line means nothing if you don't take care of it this week," Kelly said Tuesday. "It doesn't. I mean, I think it's very obvious to everybody involved. I mean, we've already lost five games, so we can't put ourselves in a situation. There is no leeway. I mean, we're a one-week operation, and it's just about the Cardinals. And that's the way it should be."

The Eagles spend more time practicing special teams than Andy Reid ever did. Kelly's short sideline sound bytes are reflective of his personality, too.

"What you see with him in the media is kind of what how he is around us," said wide receiver Will Murphy, who played under Kelly for five seasons at Oregon. "He's very matter of fact, straight to the point, not one of those rah-rah coaches before games. He states what we need to do and that's that."

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"I've had coaches with no personality, that's not Chip. He's right in the thick of things, dropping jokes and all that."

Casey Matthews, Eagles and former Oregon linebacker

Getting defensive

Kelly leaves defensive unit to coordinator

Casey Matthews added it's extremely rare to see Kelly in the defensive meeting room. He watches the unit from afar, like a father calling his daughter on prom night, just to check in.

"He lets [defensive coordinator] Billy [Davis] coach," Matthews said. "He doesn't sit in on those meetings, but he knows what he's doing. He's more concerned with the offense. I'm not saying he leaves the defense alone, but he knows what he's doing."

While the Eagles' high-octane offense gets most of the praise, it has been the defense fueling the Birds' three-game winning streak. The defense has allowed just two touchdowns in 10 red-zone trips the past three weeks. **MIKE GREGER**

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Eagles back in

NFL. Philadelphia is rested up for their final five games, starting with a surprisingly big matchup.

Carson Palmer is enjoying a return to the success he enjoyed seasons ago, but he's still susceptible to throwing interceptions. / GETTY IMAGES

The Eagles are smack in the middle of a playoff race coming out of the bye for the first time since 2010.

But they aren't the only ones heading into this weekend's showdown with the Cardinals eyeing a playoff run. Arizona is a surprising 7-4, locked in a battle with fellow NFC West member San Francisco for the second wild-card position.

Their season has mirrored the Eagles' in many ways. Not much was expected out of either, with new coaches coming into the season. They also both got off to rocky starts before recently finding their footing. The Cardinals have one upped Philadelphia's three-game winning streak with a four-game streak of their own.

Head coach Bruce Arians has found a formula on offense that has the Cardinals winning games, but three of the wins in that streak have come against Atlanta, Houston and Jacksonville, who have a combined record of 6-27.

Sunday's game will give Arizona their first real test since back-to-back defeats in Weeks 6 and 7 against the 49ers and Seahawks.

Metro looks at three things to watch for in Sunday's game (1 p.m., FOX):

1 King Carson

While the Eagles are getting unprecedented play out of Nick Foles, the Cardinals are seeing the resurrection of former Pro Bowler Carson Palmer. He was in fact a two-time Pro Bowler in 2005-06 with the Bengals. That was also the last time he was relevant in the NFL. Arians, formerly Ben Roethlisberger's offensive coordinator in Pittsburgh and interim head coach with the Colts as they went to the playoffs with Andrew Luck last season, has pulled the old Palmer back out of storage. He has 16 touchdowns and his 63.3 completion percentage is his highest since 2007. But he does

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have 15 interceptions, third-most in the NFL behind Jets rookie Geno Smith and Eli Manning, something the Eagles will be looking to capitalize on as starting cornerback Bradley Fletcher gets healthy. They'll need him, because Philly has the No. 32-ranked pass defense in the NFL, allowing 300.1 yards per game.

2 You're the man

Foles hasn't shown any nervousness with Mike Vick looking over his shoulder, but head coach Chip Kelly ended any potential worries for the second-year quarterback by naming him the permanent starter on Tuesday. He will have the keys to the offense for the final five games — and may have the opportunity to lock up the job going into next season even though he's been criticized as an imperfect fit for Kelly's spread-option offense. One thing it's hard to criticize is his 16 touchdown passes and zero interceptions. He will be tested against Arizona cornerback Patrick Peterson, one of the best in the league, and the NFC's fifth-best defense (317.1 yards per game). Peterson already has 10 interceptions in the first two years of his career. Only Seattle's Richard Sherman and Chicago's Tim Jennings — both with 12 — have more over that period. The Arizona secondary also includes rookie playmaker Tyrann Mathieu (two interceptions, one forced fumble), better known as the Honey Badger in his days at LSU.

3 McCoy's matchup

Not only do the Cardinals pack a potent pass defense, their run defense is even better. Calais Campbell, at 6-foot-8 and 300 pounds, is one of the most impsoing players in the league, but it is Darnell Dockett who may be one of the best defensive tackles in the NFL — as evidenced by the $30 million in guaranteed money he got a few seasons ago. He's living up to that money though, as Arizona is ranked No. 2 in the NFL in rushing yard per game allowed (81.3 per game). It all sets up a marquee matchup between the Cardinals' defensive front and the NFL's leading rusher, LeSean McCoy. The Eagles' shifty running back is still the only rusher over 1,000 yards in the league and he has 399 receiving yards on top of that. McCoy is not much of a between-the-tackles runner, so Dockett and Campbell may be negated somewhat, leaving it up to linebackers Karlos Dansby and Daryl Washington to make plays in space against McCoy.

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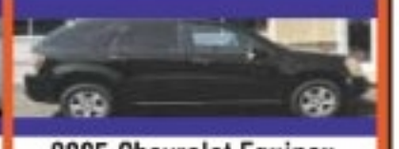
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Back end of Week 13 packed with intrigue

NFL. The playoff picture should be much more clear by late Monday night.

Where did November go? Ditto for October and September. The NFL enters its final calendar month of the regular season this Sunday and, remarkably, 26 teams still have playoff hopes. Here's a look at some of the better games on the post-Thanksgiving Week 13 schedule:

Drew Brees and the Saints are in Seattle Monday. / GETTY IMAGES

Titans at Colts
(1 p.m., CBS)
The Titans (5-6) keep hanging around in the lousy AFC South and the Colts (7-4) suddenly look vulnerable. Indy edged Tennessee, 30-27, on a Thursday night roadie two weeks ago.

Dolphins at Jets
(1 p.m., CBS)
This one has "loser leaves town" written all over it. The Jets (5-6) have looked brutal on offense and the Dolphins' (5-6) internal issues have been well-documented. This is the first meeting between the two this season as the Jets close out their regular season three days before the New Year at Sun Life Stadium.

Rams at 49ers
(4:05 p.m., FOX)
Just as was predicted prior to the start of the season, the NFC West is stacked. If the Rams, the division's basement dweller at 5-6, wants to make a legit postseason run the time is now. Colin Kaepernick returned to form in the 49ers (7-4) win over Washington Monday night.

Broncos at Chiefs
(4:25 p.m., CBS)
What a strange few weeks it has been in the AFC West. The Broncos (9-2) knocked off the Chiefs (9-2) from the ranks of the unbeaten just two weeks ago but now the critics are predicting their demise after their meltdown at New England. Oh, and Andy Reid's bunch has now lost two in a row.

Giants at Redskins
(8:30 p.m., NBC)
The Redskins (3-8) are going nowhere and the talk is that Robert Griffin III should shut it down for the rest of the season. Still, Mike Shanahan is coaching for his job. Putting the final stake in the Giants' (4-7) playoff coffin could allow Washington to save some face in 2013.

Saints at Seahawks
(8:40 p.m., ESPN)
A preview of the NFC Championship game? It's certainly looking that way. The Seahawks (10-1) haven't lost since Week 5. Meanwhile, the Saints (9-2) would be undefeated right now if they hadn't had to play members of the AFC East.

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Honestly, I think one has to be patient. Free agency can be fun, but also a bit stressful. You might not know about these teams. Sometimes, you think a team has interest in you, and then another one comes up.

How do you minimize the pressure that the MLB playoffs bring?
I enjoy what I do. The postseason is totally different. The adrenaline, wanting to do well and concentration are important. During my whole career, I've always controlled my emotions.

That final play in Game 3, was it or was it not obstruction?
The one at third base? Of course, it was clear. The third baseman lifted his legs to prevent the runner to score. It's apparent on replay. With the emotion of the game, he might not have been aware of what he did. He'll never admit it, but the replays show he clearly obstructed.

In Game 1 of the World Series, you injured yourself after robbing David Ortiz of a home run. What went through your mind as you left the game?
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Is winning the World Series what's left for you now?
Of course it is. That is what every ballplayer wants: to get to that moment. I just have to keep working hard and, God willing, the team I sign with gives me that chance.

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Beltran by the numbers

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